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The reply filed on July 10 2006 is confusing. It appears that applicant filed a preliminary amendment on September 29 2005. The IFW contains another set of claims that was filed on July 10 2006. The claims filed on July 10 2006 however do not contain the claim status and appear to be the originally filed claims. An application examination usually begins with the most recently filed claims however based on the above information it is unclear if the claims filed on July 10 2006 or the claims filed on September 29 2005 are the claims that the applicant intends to be the pending claims.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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